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ALL HUMANS...
ARE LIKE THAT...
IN THE END, THAT'S A PSYCHOPATH FOR YOU.
LOOKS LIKE ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT HER BROTHER WAS JUST TALK.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER BEING A PSYCHO-PATH.

CHAPTER 26: TRUE NATURES
Re:BIRTH
The Lunatic Taker
STORY: LIM DALL-YOUNG
ART: LEE SOO-HYON

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GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF! DO YOU PLAN ON WHIMPERING ALL NIGHT?
HEY! LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING TO YOU!!
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REIJI...!!
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...!?
I DIDN'T SELL HER OUT...
THERE'S NO WAY
I WOULD SELL OUT MY SISTER.

REIJI...

IT WAS ALL... FOR HER SAKE...

YOU...
REALLY DON'T...

HOW ARE YOU DOING?
IT MUST BE HARD, WITH SO LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE.

ISHIGAMI?!
PRESIDENT...
...!!
PRINCESS...

LET ME SEE HER!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY SISTER?
I HAVE TO CHECK ON HER!!
WHERE IS SHE?!
WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S BEST THAT SHE SAVES HER STRENGTH FOR NOW.
YOUR SISTER IS FINE.
WELL...
SHE'LL NEED IT IF WE WANT THINGS TO GO ACCORDING TO PLAN DURING THE PUNISHMENT.
SHE'S CURRENTLY ENJOYING HER MEAL.
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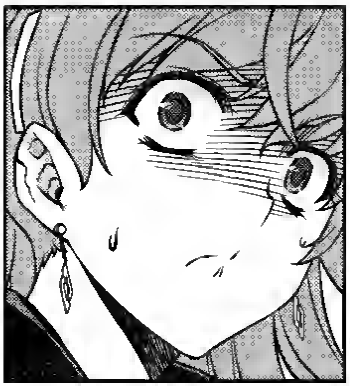
THE TIME AND PLACE OF TACHIBANA'S PUNISHMENT HAVE BEEN DECIDED.
IT WILL BE HELD DURING TODAY'S INTERSPATIAL TIME.
THERE, YOUR SISTER
WILL FIGHT A SMALL-TYPE ANGEL WE'VE CAPTURED ONE-ON-ONE.
A SMALL-TYPE ANGEL?
BUT... SHOULDN'T WE HAVE PREPARED MORE?



WON'T NEE-SAN NEED SOMETHING TO HELP HER WIN THE FAKE FIGHT?
YOU HAVE A PLAN, RIGHT?

WHY WOULD I?
NO SINGLE TAKER COULD MATCH BLADES WITH AN ANGEL, NO MATTER HOW SMALL.
IF SHE FIGHTS THE ANGEL, SHE WILL DIE.
YOU TRICKED US! YOU LIAR!!
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PLEASE RELAX, REIJI-KUN.
I CERTAINLY SAID I WOULD ENSURE AYAKA-KUN SURVIVED THE FIGHT...
BUT I CAN'T RECALL EVER SAYING THERE WAS A WAY...
FOR HER TO WIN.

THERE'S NO NEED TO FRET. YOUR SISTER WON'T DIE.
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I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO AYAKA-KUN ABOUT THE PLAN.
WE'LL PREPARE A SECRET PASSAGE FOR YOUR SISTER TO ESCAPE THROUGH.

THUS, AS PROMISED, YOUR SISTER'S LIFE WILL BE SPARED.
TH-THEN, WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO MEET MY SISTER?
HOW WILL I MEET UP WITH HER AFTER SHE'S FLED?
THE CONDITION OF OUR AGREEMENT IS THAT SHE NEVER AGAIN BE ALLOWED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION.
YOU WILL NEVER SEE HER AGAIN.
WHICH MEANS SHE CAN'T APPEAR BEFORE YOU TWO, EITHER.
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SHIT...
YOU SHITHEADS! YOU DID TRICK US AFTER ALL! YOU SAID YOU'D SAVE HER; THAT UNDER YOUR ORGANIZATION'S CONTROL SHE WOULDN'T GO BERSERK!!!
BUT FROM THE START, YOUR ONLY OBJECTIVE WAS TO PULL US APART!! BUT WHY? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
WE ARE IN CONTROL...
IF PERHAPS NOT IN THE WAY YOU EXPECTED.
I HAVE "CONTROLLED" YOUR SISTER SO THAT SHE CAN INFLICT NO HARM ON YOU TWO.
YOU MUST UNDERSTAND— A PSYCHOPATH CAN NEVER BE TRULY CONTROLLED, AFTER ALL.

I REALIZE THIS MAY BE HARD FOR YOU, HER FAMILY, TO ACCEPT; HOWEVER, SHE HAS EARNED HER PUNISHMENT.
PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN ALLOWING HER TO FLEE IS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WE ARE ALLOWED TO DO.
HOW CAN I... ACCEPT THAT?
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT THAT MY SISTER...
WOULD RUN AWAY AND LEAVE US BEHIND!!

WHY NOT?

YOU MAY NOT WANT TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT WAS YOU WHO FIRST CONTACTED US...
WHY WAS THAT? IT WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID OF YOUR SISTER, A PSYCHOPATH. YOU ACTED ONLY TO SECURE YOUR OWN SAFETY.
TO YOUR SISTER, THIS DEAL IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MATTER OF SURVIVAL.
THAT'S WHY WE'VE ARRANGED FOR HER TO HAVE A SMALL-TYPE ANGEL AND AN ESCAPE ROUTE.
I'M SURE... MY SISTER HAS SOME SORT OF PLAN...
I'M SURE THAT... I JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR SOME DATE IN THE FUTURE!!
HER PROMISE WITH YOU WOULD MEAN NOTH—
SHE WILL NEVER COME.
...!?
AFTER ALL, SHE'S REALLY SMART...
I KNOW SHE'LL COME VISIT ME SOMETIME!

WHY WOULD SHE WANT TO VISIT
THE BROTHER WHO SOLD HER OUT?

TH-THAT'S WRONG... I... I DID EVERYTHING FOR MY SISTER'S SAKE...
I JUST WANTED... TO PROTECT HER...
YES, I'M SURE THAT WAS YOUR INTENT...
HOWEVER, CAN YOU TRULY SAY THAT YOU HAVE NEVER DOUBTED SOMEONE
WHEN THEY SAID THEY WAS DOING SOMETHING FOR YOUR SAKE?

REIJI!!
LOOK OUT!!
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TO PROTECT YOU...!!
I WAS TRYING..
WHY WON'T YOU
UNDER-STAND!!

ISN'T "PROTECTING ME"
JUST AN EXCUSE

FOR YOU TO JUSTIFY
KILLING OTHERS?

YOU DIDN'T SELL OUT AYAKA-KUN.
YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
I'M SURE YOU'RE STILL VERY CONFUSED RIGHT NOW...
BUT PLEASE TRY NOT TO BLAME ME FOR IT.
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I IM GINE MISFORTUNE WOULD HAVE SOON STRUCK.
IF YOU HAD STAYED LIKE THAT FOREVER WITH YOUR SISTER,
WHEN YOU WATCH AYAKA-KUN PRETEND TO FIGHT.
YOU'LL SEE THE PROOF OF THAT YOURSELF
AFTER ALL, THAT IS WHAT A PSYCHOPATH TRULY IS.
YOU'LL SEE HOW EASY IT IS FOR A PSYCHOPATH TO DOUBT AND BETRAY A YOUNGER BROTHER'S FEELINGS.

I...
MY SISTER..

I...
MY SISTER...

ARE YOU HUNGRY?
...!
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD GIRL...
LOOK AT HOW QUIET YOU ARE!

YOU'LL PRETEND TO FIGHT PROPERLY, THEN RUN AWAY.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR LITTLE BROTHER FOR YOU.
IT'LL BE TODAY, DURING THE INTERSPATIAL TIME.
WE'VE SCHEDULED THE EVENT, JUST LIKE WE PROMISED.

BUT FIRST, YOU WANT TO EAT, RIGHT?
EVEN A PSYCHOPATH CAN'T FLEE FROM A FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.
OH, BUT IT WOULD BE HARD FOR YOU TO EAT WITH YOUR HANDS LIKE THAT... BUT I DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO FREE YOUR HANDS...
Oh, I know— if it's fine by you,
I can feed you myself.
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I'LL NEVER LAY A SINGLE FINGER ON A PSYCHOPATH LIKE YOU!
WHY THE FUCK WOULD I DO THAT?!
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KYAH!

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU CAN'T EAT?
OH, ARE THE PIECES TOO BIG FOR YOU?
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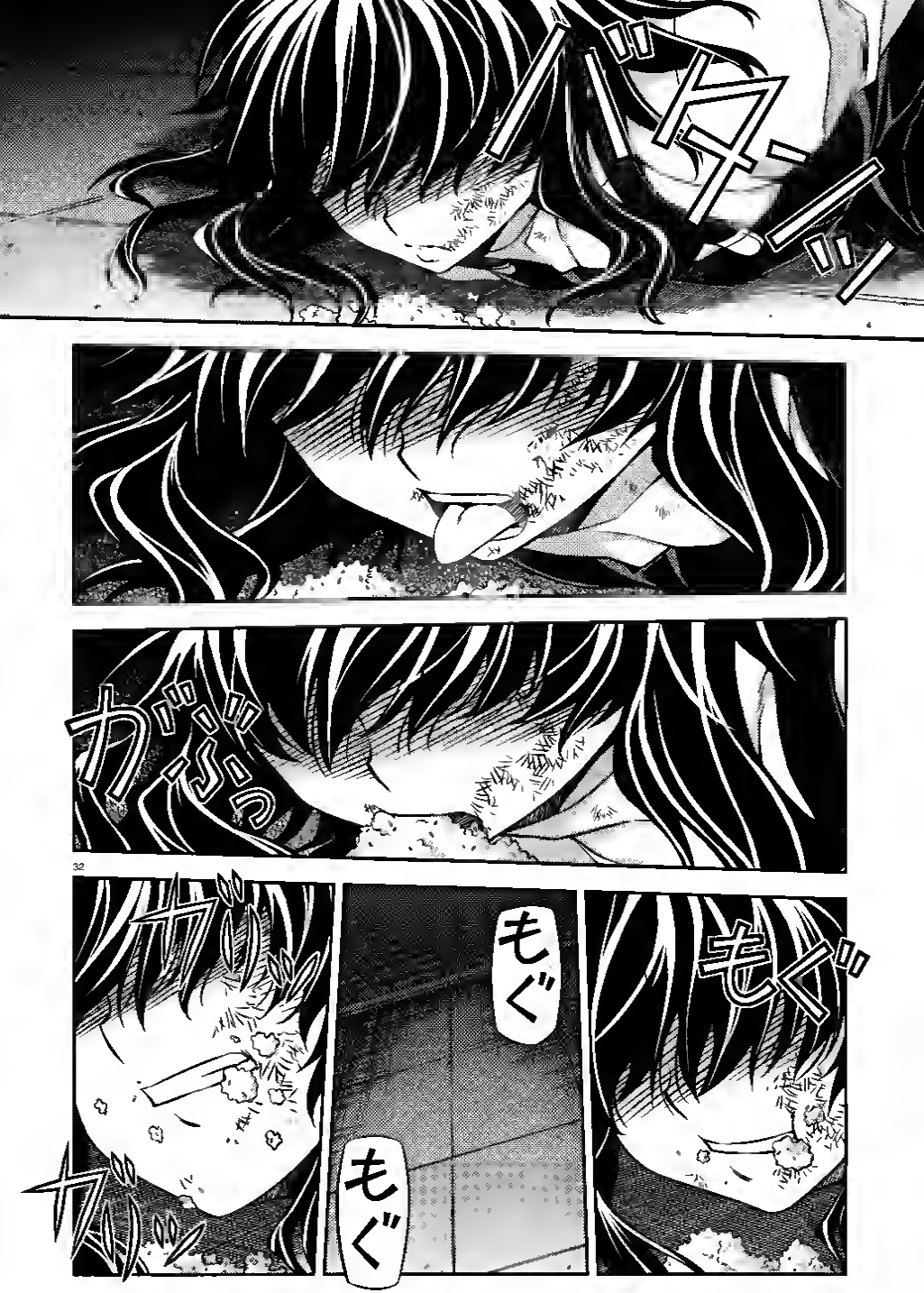
EAT UP.
OH LOOK...
IT SHOULD BE EASIER NOW, RIGHT?

THAT REMINDS ME...
WE SET YOUR BROTHER UP IN A HOTEL. I'M SURE HE WASTED NO TIME GETTING... INTIMATE WITH THE GIRL.
YOU'VE BEEN HER RIVAL FOR SO LONG...
ONLY A STUPID PSYCHOPATH-CHAN WOULD FAIL TO REALIZE THAT.
WELL, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO ME.
YOU'RE KIND OF PATHETIC... BUT YOU'RE NOT WORTH MY PITY.
NO PSYCHO-PATH IS.
YOU'RE ALL DISGUSTING MONSTERS.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FOR SO LONG...
YOU'VE BEEN HER RIVAL
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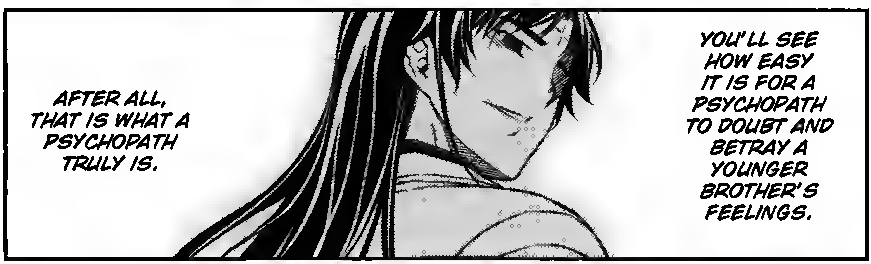
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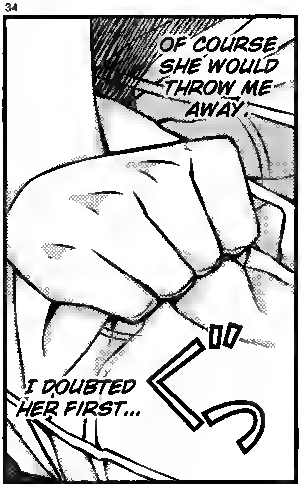
OF COURSE, SHE WOULD THROW ME AWAY.
I DOUBTED HER FIRST...

WHAT PART IS HER TRUE NATURE...
AND WHAT PART IS HER BEING A PSYCHOPATH?

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IF ONE OF US IS A PSYCHOPATH,
IT'S ME, NOT HER!!!!!
REIJI...
DO YOU REGRET IT?

PRINCESS?
WHY ARE YOU...
IF YOU'RE JUST HERE TO BE A PRICK TO REIJI, THEN GET THE HELL OUT!
EVERYTHING'S ALREADY GOING EXACTLY HOW YOU PLANNED, RIGHT? SO WHAT ELSE COULD YOU WANT?!
BRING US SOME TEA.
TEA.
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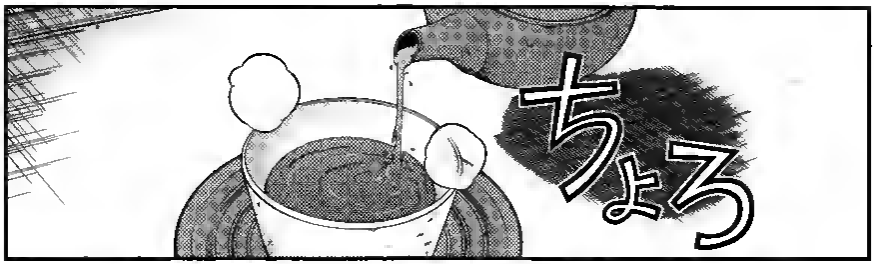
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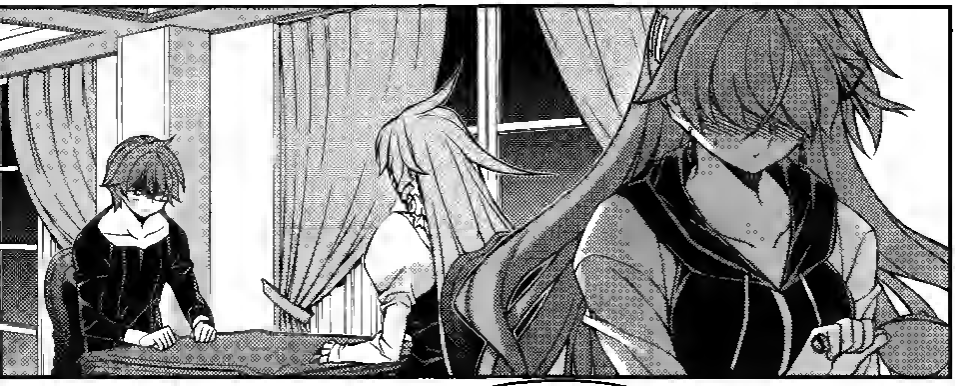

YOU DIDN'T TRUST YOUR SISTER.
IF-IF NEE-SAN HAS MISUNDERSTOOD US...
IF WE MET, COULDN'T WE RESOLVE THAT?
THAT'S WHY YOU THREW HER AWAY, RIGHT?
AND THAT'S WHY THE PAIN YOU FEEL IN YOUR HEART IS A BURDEN YOU MUST BEAR.

IT'S YOUR FAULT IT'S COME TO THIS!
JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A PSYCHO-PATH....!!
I JUST WANTED TO USE THE ORGANIZATION'S POWER TO TURN MY SISTER BACK TO NORMAL!!
I DIDN'T THROW HER AWAY! BUT SHE WAS A PSYCHOPATH!
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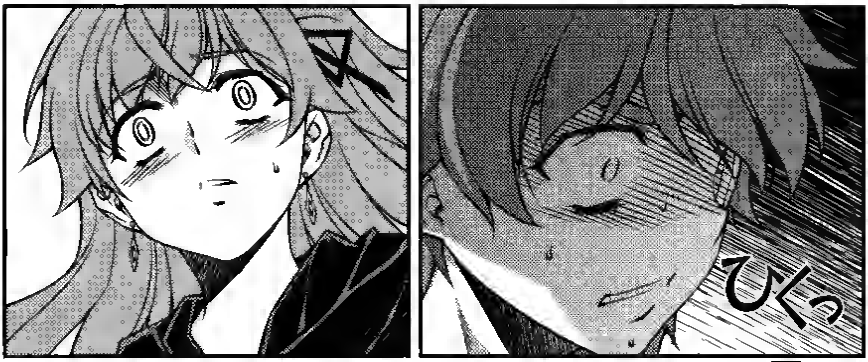
I...
IF THAT COULD BE FIXED...
TO CURE MY SISTER...
I JUST WANTED...
I UNDERSTAND... IN THE END,

BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T FIT YOUR IMAGE OF HER.
YOU SOLD OUT YOUR SISTER
BUT HOW COULD I LIVE LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE RIGHT... IT IS THANKS TO MY SISTER
THAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE THIS LONG.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE AS LONG AS YOU HAVE...
BUT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IF SHE WERE THE PERSON YOU ENVISIONED,

WHY NOT?
HAS IN HER SUCH A STRONG KILLING INSTINCT?
HOW COULD I LIVE, ACCEPTING THAT MY PRECIOUS SISTER



IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO PROTECT OTHERS,
THEN THERE MUST ALSO EXIST PEOPLE WHO PROTECT THEMSELVES BY SACRIFICING OTHERS.

"THAT'S SIMPLY HOW THIS WORLD WAS BUILT."

GOOD AND EVIL, AVARICE AND CHARITY...
ALL ARE AT THE CORE OF HUMANITY. THEY ARE THE TRUE NATURES BORN SO THAT HUMANITY COULD SURVIVE...
ANTI-SOCIAL HYSTERIAS, WHO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES FOR OTHERS...
AND PSYCHOPATHS, WHO WILL CALMLY KILL OTHERS FOR THEIR OWN GAIN...
TO INSIST THAT ONE OF THOSE PATHS IS FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG
IS A STUPIDITY BORN OF PRIDE...

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WHY WOULD A PERSON EVER HAVE TO KILL ANOTHER PERSON?!
THEY WERE BORN BY NECESSITY?
ARE ONE TRUE NATURE OF HUMANITY?
PSYCHO-PATHS...
THAT MAKES NO SENSE!!
BECAUSE IT WAS NECES-SARY.

IN THE DISTANT PAST, WHEN MANKIND HAD NEITHER LAW NOR ORDER AND WERE RULED ONLY BY THEIR TRUE NATURES,
PSYCHOPATHS WERE UNDOUBTEDLY NECESSARY.
THEY WERE THE ONES
WHO COULD PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES, SURVIVE, AND GIVE BIRTH TO CHILDREN.
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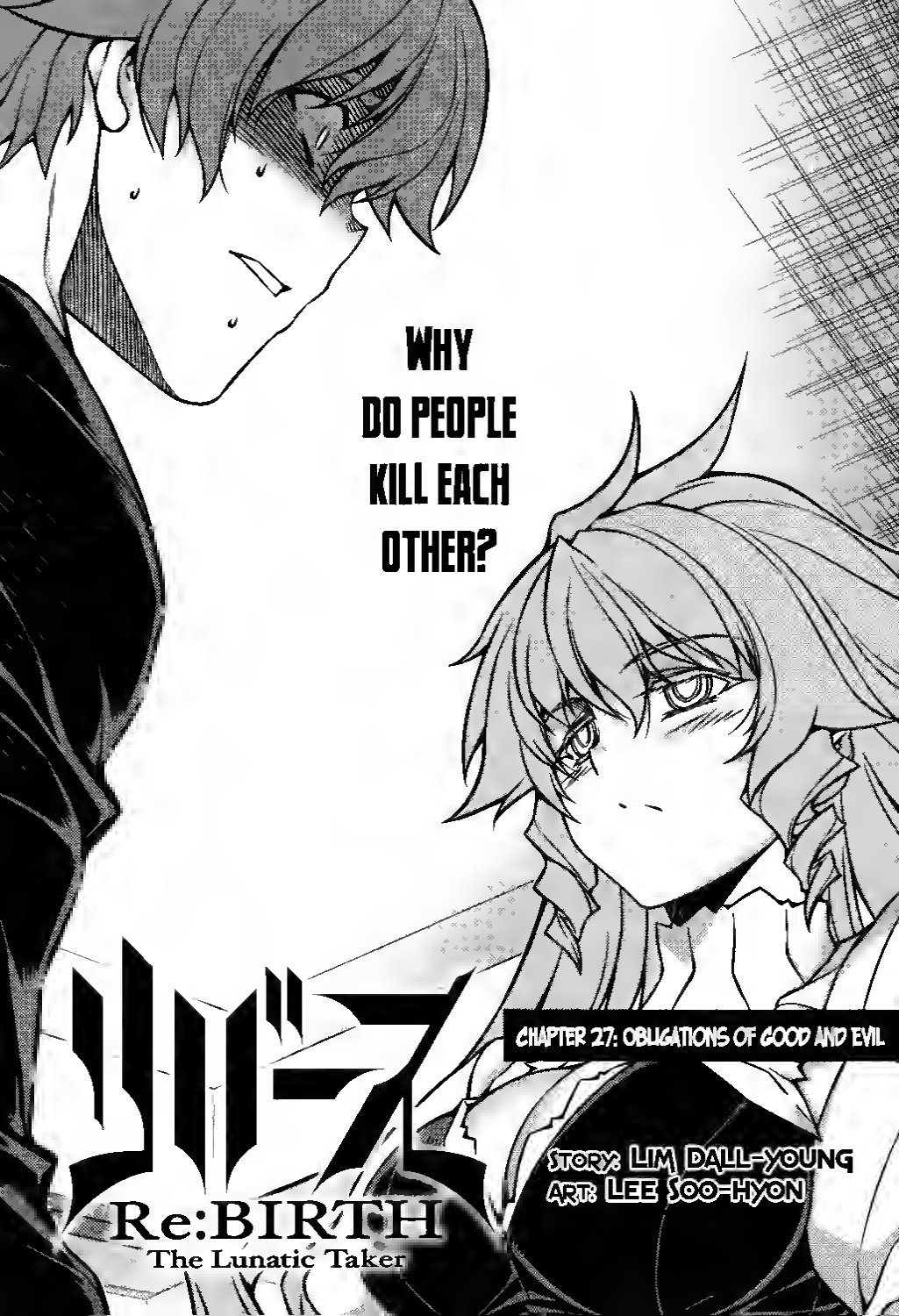

Re:BIRTH
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CHAPTER 27: OBLIGATIONS OF GOOD AND EVIL

STORY: LIM DALL-YOUNG
ART: LEE SOO-HYON

LONG AGO, BEFORE EVEN A FRAGMENT OF CULTURE EXISTED, WHEN DEATH WAS ALWAYS AT ONE'S DOOR-STOP, MEN SURVIVED BY ACTING SOLELY ACCORDING TO THEIR INSTINCTS.
THOSE WHO LACKED FOR FOOD WOULD STARVE AND DIE. SO NATURALLY, THOSE WHO WERE UNWILLING TO STEAL FROM OTHERS WERE WEEDED OUT AND ELIMINATED.

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AND THE GENES WHICH DIRECTED MEN TO KILL OTHERS, STEAL, AND SURVIVE ARE THOSE OF THE PSYCHOPATHS.
TODAY, THOSE PEOPLE WHO REFUSED TO TAKE OR STEAL AND DIED ALONE...
ARE CALLED PEOPLE WITH GENTLE HEARTS.
IN A WORLD WITHOUT LAW OR ORDER, IT'S ONLY NATURAL
THAT THE STRONG TAKE FROM THE WEAK.
NEVERTHELESS, SO-CALLED "GOOD" PEOPLE WHO REJECTED THAT DOCTRINE EXISTED.

THEY WILLINGLY GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE PSYCHOPATHS
SO THAT THEY COULD LIVE ON.
THEY REFUSED TO HARM OTHERS, AND SOON BECAME PREY FOR THE STRONG.
THE WEAK HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CLING TO THE STRONG, WHO COULD SO CALMLY STEAL LIVES.
HOWEVER, THE STRONG WERE LIMITED IN NUMBER.

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AND THEY... NO LONGER HAD TO KILL ANYONE.
THE PSYCHOPATHS PROTECTING THEM BECAME THEIR KINGS, AND THE PROVISIONS THEY BROUGHT BACK KEPT THE "GOOD" ALIVE.

THE WEAK NEED NOT ENCOUNTER STRIFE; IN RETURN, THEY SUBMITTED TO THE CONTROL OF PSYCHOPATHS.

PSYCHOPATHS CONTROLLED THE WEAK; IN RETURN, THEY BORE THE RISKS OF BATTLE AND WALKED ALONGSIDE DEATH.

ALL OF THIS IS SIMPLY A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BORN OF MANKIND'S TRUE NATURES.
TO NAME ONE OF THE GROUPS "EVIL" IS SIMPLY SILLY.
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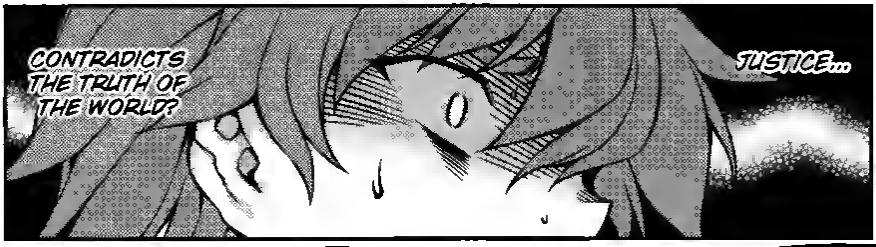
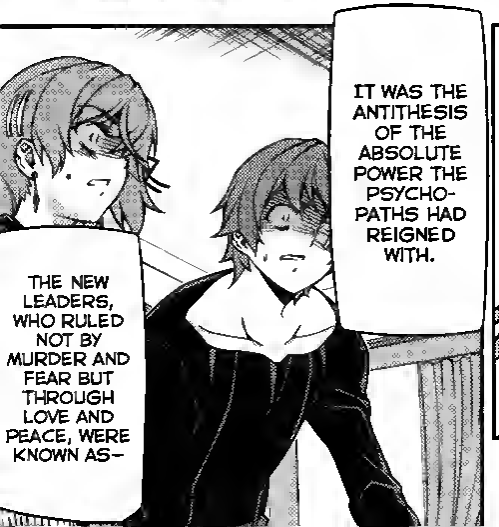
DO YOU REALLY EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE...
WHEN DID I NAME ONE PATH "RIGHT"?
THAT PSYCHOPATHS AREN'T EVIL... THAT THEY'RE NECESSARY?
I AM MERELY EXPLAINING HOW THINGS BEGAN.

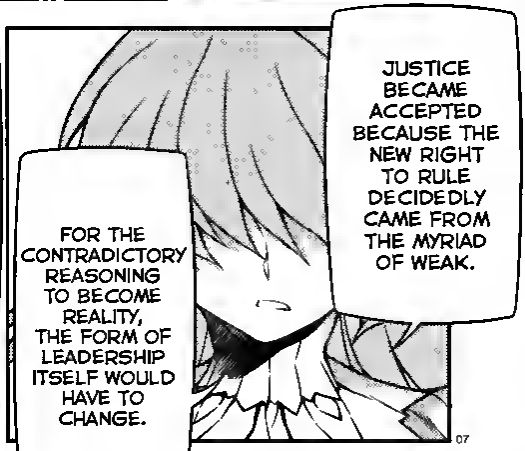
INDEED, IN MODERN TIMES
THE PSYCHOPATH GENES ARE "EVIL".
HOWEVER, THAT IS AT MOST A DIFFERENCE OF PERCEPTION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE CHANGING TIMES.
WELL, ONLY THE URGE TO DIRECTLY KILL HAS DISAP-PEARED, BUT...
ONLY NOW HAS MANKIND DEVELOPED ENOUGH TECHNOLOGY THAT THEY CAN OBTAIN ALL THE FOOD AND DRINK THEY NEED WITHOUT KILLING.
05
MASTER AND SLAVE.
LANDLORD AND RENTER.
THE GREAT AND THE BASE.... NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
THE STRONG STILL SEEK TO CONTROL THE WEAK.
IN THE END, AS THE NUMBERS OF THE WEAK GREW, THE STRONG'S CONTROL OVER THEM BEGAN TO CRUMBLE.
SO THE LEADERS DESPERATELY TRIED TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THAT PROCESS.
THE STRONG BECAME AN INCREASINGLY SMALL MINORITY, AND THE WEAK BEGAN TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER.
AS PEOPLE NO LONGER NEEDED TO KILL EACH OTHER, THEIR POPULATION GREW EXPLOSIVELY.

THEY ULTIMATELY CREATED LAW.
THEY CREATED REGULATIONS, AND BY ENFORCING THEM, CONTROLLED THE POPULACE.
HOWEVER, UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE LAW, THE NUMBERS OF THE WEAK CONTINUED TO GROW.
SOCIETY BECAME MORE PRECISE, AND THE REASONING OF THE PAST STARTED TO LOSE ITS LUSTER.
AND IN TIME, THE WEAK CREATED A NEW THEORY WHICH BENEFITED THEMSELVES.
IT STOOD IN CONTRADICTION TO THE OLD LAW: THAT FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN SOMETHING, SOMEONE ELSE MUST LOSE IT.
IT WAS A THEORY DESIGNED TO FORCE THE PSYCHOPATH LEADERS WHO TOOK FOR THEMSELVES TO DESCEND FROM THE STAGE.

THE REASONING STATED THAT, FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, ONE MUST NOT INJURE OTHERS.
IT BECAME THE DEFINITION A NEW WORD: JUSTICE.


JUSTICE...
CONTRADICTS THE TRUTH OF THE WORLD?


THE NEW LEADERS, WHO RULED NOT BY MURDER AND FEAR BUT THROUGH LOVE AND PEACE, WERE KNOWN AS—
IT WAS THE ANTITHESIS OF THE ABSOLUTE POWER THE PSYCHO-PATHS HAD REIGNED WITH.


FOR THE CONTRADICTORY REASONING TO BECOME REALITY, THE FORM OF LEADERSHIP ITSELF WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE.
JUSTICE BECAME ACCEPTED BECAUSE THE NEW RIGHT TO RULE DECIDEDLY CAME FROM THE MYRIAD OF WEAK.

ANTI-SOCIAL HYSTERIAS...
HIGHLIGHTING CONSCIENCE AND JUSTICE, THEY BECAME THE ABSOLUTE CONTROLLERS OF THE NEW AGE.

IN THE END, ALL MUST STEAL IN ORDER TO LIVE.
BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, NO THEORY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURPASS THE TRUTH.
THEY SIMPLY HAD OTHERS DO THE WORK FOR THEM.
THEY NEED NOT KILL BY THEIR OWN HANDS.
WHAT HAD CHANGED... WAS THAT BY HAVING JUSTICE AS THEIR SHIELD,

THAT'S RIGHT, TACHIBANA REIJI.
JUST AS YOUR LIFE WAS PRESERVED BY YOUR SISTER.

I AM ONLY SPEAKING OF THE TRUTH I KNOW, AFTER ALL...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME? WELL, THAT'S FINE...
IN THE END, NO ONE CAN DETERMINE THEM OBJECTIVELY GOOD OR EVIL.
PSYCHOPATHS AND ANTI-SOCIAL HYSTERIAS...
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IS SIMPLY DETERMINED BY THE SITUATION.
WHETHER THEY ARE GOOD OR EVIL
AHHHHHHHHHH
PLEASE, JUST STOP IT!!!
STOP IT!!

I...
I COULDN'T...
I COULDN'T TRUST MY SISTER!! IT WAS SO MUCH EASIER TO BLAME HER!!
IT'S... IT'S ALL MY FAULT... BECAUSE OF ME... BECAUSE OF MY EGO...
BECAUSE I WAS SO FOOLISH, SO COWARDLY, I HURT MY SISTER AND SENT HER TO HER DEATH...!!

PLEASE...
HELP ME...
PLEASE... ALL I NEED IS A CHANCE...
JUST LET ME TALK WITH MY SISTER...
LET ME APOLOGIZE TO MY SISTER!!!
WHAT WILL APOLOGIZING ACCOMPLISH?
SHE'LL STILL BE A PSYCHOPATH.
AFTER ALL, YOU STILL WON'T ACCEPT
AND YOU'LL STILL BE SEPARATED, IN THE END.
YOUR SISTER'S TRUE NATURE, WILL YOU?

I DON'T CARE THAT SHE'S A PSYCHOPATH ANYMORE... MY SISTER'S STILL MY SISTER.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT TOOK ME SO LONG TO REALIZE THAT....
I'LL ACCEPT MY SISTER, JUST THE WAY SHE IS!!
NO MATTER WHERE THAT ROAD LEADS, I'LL TAKE IT!
SO PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU... LET ME MEET WITH MY SISTER!!!

TACHIBANA AYAKA WILL BE BROUGHT TO A SACRED GROUND WITHIN THE INTERSPATIAL TIME I WILL CREATE.
IT IS A SPECIAL REGION, CONNECTED WITH VARIOUS REGIONS OF TIME AND SPACE, AND IT IS THERE WHERE SHE WILL FIGHT.
IT IS DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE RYUUSUKE, SO...
WE WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ON OUR OWN.
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THAT IS THE ONE SOLE TRUTH BORN WITH THE CONTRADICTION OF THE LOGIC OF THIS WORLD.
IT IS NOBILITY: THE WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE ONESELF COMPLETELY AND FULLY FOR THE SAKE OF A STRANGER.
I ... IF YOU ARE A TRUE ANTI-SOCIAL HYSTERIA
I THINK YOU MUST ACCEPT EVEN PSYCHOPATHS.
AREN'T YOU...
ON HIS SIDE?
TACHIBANA REIJI?
ARE YOU WILLING TO WALK THAT PATH,
LET ME SPEAK WITH AYAKA-NEE-SAN!
I SWEAR IT. SO PLEASE, LET ME SPEAK WITH HER...
I WILL.

NEVER FORGET
HOW YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW...

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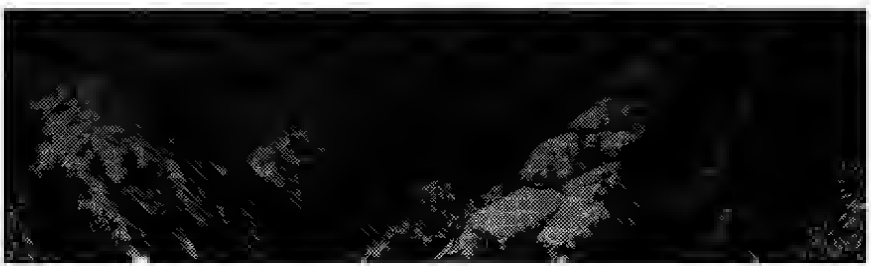
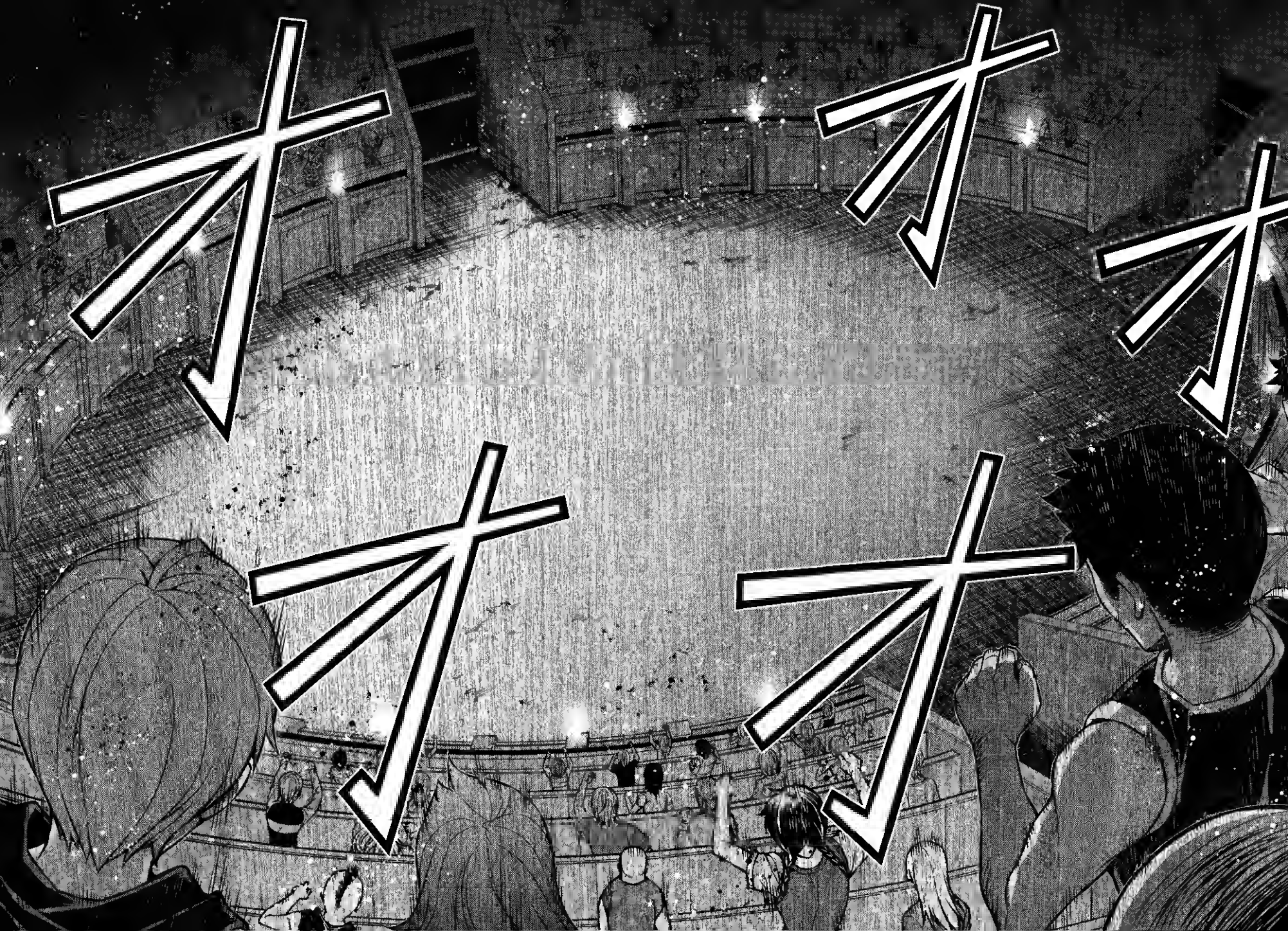
MAN, YOU'RE A SCARY LITTLE BITCH TOO, AREN'T YOU...
OK, I GIVE UP, YOU WIN~

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ATE ALL THAT FOOD
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ALL ON THE FLOOR. IS YOUR STOMACH ALL RIGHT?

WHERE ARE WE GOING? ISN'T TODAY SUPPOSED TO BE THE DAY OF OUR PROMISE?
THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING NOW, TO THE LOCATION OF YOUR PUNISHMENT.
LET ME EXPLAIN THE PLAN.

THERE ARE DIMENSIONAL PORTALS CONNECTING IT TO EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH, AND ONLY TAKERS CAN ENTER.
THE PUNISHMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT AN IRREGULAR SPACE CREATED IN A CORNER OF THE INTERSPATIAL TIME.
EUROPE
LOCATION OF THE PUNISHMENT
AFRICA
ASIA
WHILE PRETENDING TO FIGHT, BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR ESCAPE.
WE WILL OPEN ONE OF THOSE PORTALS FOR YOU.
JUST GETTING OUT OF THERE...
WELL, CAN'T SAY I'D BLAME YOU, BUT...
WILL REIJI AND NATSUHI BE THERE?
SHOULD BE HARD ENOUGH.
TRY TO FOCUS ON THE TASK AT HAND.
WHY DO YOU ASK? DO YOU WANT REVENGE?





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HAVE YOU GOT YOUR MIND SORTED OUT?
HOW DID WE NEVER KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE?
THIS PLACE IS SO HUGE...

LOOK OVER THERE.

IF YOU WILL REALLY LET MY SISTER ESCAPE SAFELY...
YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THAT AT ALL.

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THAT'S...
IT IS THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING. THE SEED OF LIFE...
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WE SIMPLY CALL IT LIFE.
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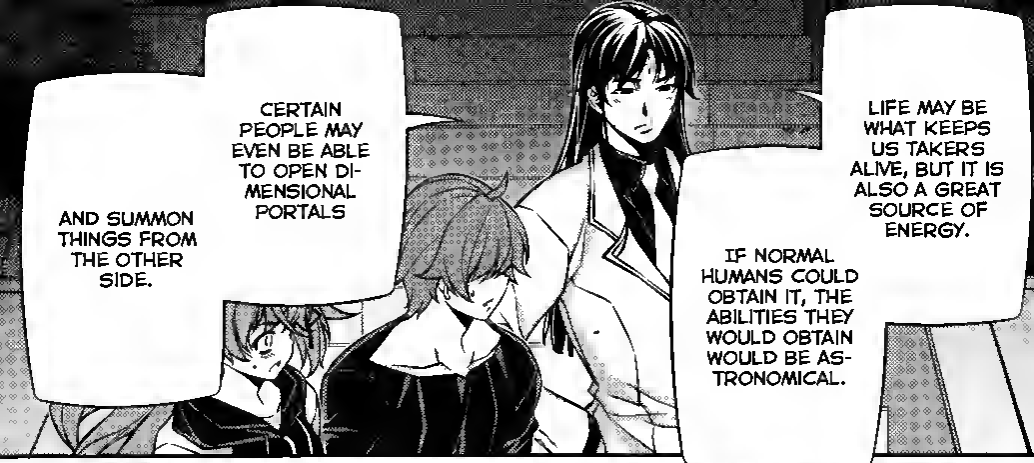
CERTAIN PEOPLE MAY EVEN BE ABLE TO OPEN DIMENSIONAL PORTALS
AND SUMMON THINGS FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
LIFE MAY BE WHAT KEEPS US TAKERS ALIVE, BUT IT IS ALSO A GREAT SOURCE OF ENERGY.
IF NORMAL HUMANS COULD OBTAIN IT, THE ABILITIES THEY WOULD OBTAIN WOULD BE ASTRONOMICAL.

THAT IS WHAT AYAKA-KUN WILL BE FIGHTING TODAY.
IT'S NOT PERFECT, BUT... WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURED AN ANGEL AND CAN, TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, CONTROL IT.

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AYAKA-KUN WILL ESCAPE, JUST AS WE PROMISED.
I ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO KEEP MY PROMISES, AFTER ALL.
B-BUT THAT MEANS...!
THAT'S RIGHT— THE PRINCESS WILL BE CONTROLLING IT.

TACHIBANA AYAKA IS SURE TO BEAR A GRUDGE FROM YOUR BETRAYAL OF HER.
SO SHE SHOULDN'T HESITATE TO FLEE.
HOWEVER, AFTER SHE'S FLED THROUGH THE EXIT I'LL HAVE CREATED, YOU SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE AT THE END-POINT...
SO YOU SHOULD GO MEET HER AFTERWARDS.
I DON'T CARE IF SHE THROWS ME AWAY! I HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ANYTHING SHE DOES TO ME!
SO PLEASE! JUST LET HER ESCAPE SAFELY!

However, this person has claimed she acted in self-defense! And of course we cannot judge her unilaterally! So, in accordance with our rules...
And one is all! That is who we are! Today, we have someone who inflicted harm upon our brothers and sisters!!
Let us give her an opportunity to prove her innocence!
Tonight, we have brought this person here, to the field of judgment!
We are one!
Is named...
The one who will be judged

TACHIBANA AYAKA!!
IF SHE SURVIVES, THAT WILL SERVE AS PROOF OF HER INNOCENCE; OTHERWISE, SHE WILL SIMPLY BE DEAD.
NEE-SAN!

BUT EVEN IF YOU MEET WITH HER AGAIN, DO YOU THINK TACHIBANA AYAKA WILL FORGIVE YOU?
AND IF SHE DOESN'T, CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT?
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EVEN IF MY SISTER THINKS OF ME AS NOTHING MORE THAN A BUG,
I'LL CALMLY ACCEPT HER HATRED.
SO PLEASE, WAIT FOR ME!
I PROMISE I'LL COME TO YOU, NEE-SAN!

THE ANGEL TETRAVORTEX!!
SO LET OUR JUDGE
ARRIVE!!

BUT IT'S JUST A CHILD!
THAT'S AN ANGEL?!
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SHE...
BECAME AN ANGEL?!

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NEE-SAN...!
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EVEN A SMALL-TYPE ANGEL
IS FAR TOO POWERFUL FOR A SINGLE TAKER.
HURRY,
AND RUN AWAY!!!

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YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TOO OBVIOUS YOU'RE RUNNING....
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TO PUT ON A PROPER SHOW.
I'D NEED TO MAKE SURE...

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AHH!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!!!
THIS IS—!!
IF SHE HADN'T DODGED THAT LAST ATTACK, SHE WOULD HAVE DIED!!
THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU PROMISED!!
HUSH! JUST CALM DOWN!
DO YOU WANT EVERYONE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON?!
TACHIBANA AYAKA...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
BUT THAT'S—!!

ANYWHERE NEAR THAT FAR!!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO
AHHH!!

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NEE-SAN!!
ISHI-GAMI?!!
THE REASON SHE DIDN'T GET KILLED RIGHT THEN AND THERE WAS BECAUSE OF THE PRINCESS'S CONTROL!
IT'S AYAKA-KUN WHO'S NOT ACTING ACCORDING TO THE PLAN!
THIS IS ALL A MISUNDER-STANDING, REIJI-KUN!
NEE-SAN, GET OUT OF THERE ALREADY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF YOU LOSE YOUR MO-BILITY?!
YOU IDIOT! HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH?
TACHIBANA AYAKA, WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING? YOU'VE PUT ON MORE THAN ENOUGH OF A PERFORMANCE!
IF I TRY TO CONTROL THE ANGEL ANY FURTHER, I'LL JUST CEASE ITS MOVEMENTS ENTIRELY.

EVEN AGAINST A SMALL-TYPE, YOU CAN'T WIN, TACHIBANA!
YOU'VE PUT ON ENOUGH OF A SHOW... NOW GET OUT OF THERE ALREADY!
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NEE-SAN...
WHY WON'T YOU RUN?

THEN, AS THANKS FOR AGREEING TO OUR DEAL,
I'LL MAKE SURE THE ANGEL IS A SMALL-TYPE.
WHY ISN'T SHE RUNNING,
ISHIGAMI-SAN?!
YOU PROMISE THE ANGEL WILL BE A SMALL-TYPE, RIGHT?
I WILL... ACCEPT THAT PROPOSAL.
THE REASON YOU WERE SO FIXATED ON IT BEING A SMALL-TYPE ANGEL...
WASN'T BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU COULD RUN AWAY.
YOU GOT US GOOD,
YOU LITTLE BITCH.

SHE REALLY THINKS SHE CAN DEFEAT THE ANGEL.
YOU NEVER INTENDED TO RUN AWAY...

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ISHIGAMI-SAN!!
KYAHH!!
LOOK OUT, NEE-SAN!!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ISHIGAMI-SAN!!
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! JUST RUN AWAY!!
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PLEASE, JUST RUN!!!
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NEE-SAN!!
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WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING?!
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO? WHY...
IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A PSYCHOPATH, IS IT?!

AYAKA FIGHTS... FOR WHAT IS IMPORTANT... NEXT ISSUE IS THE CLIMAX!!
YOU DON'T GET IT YET?
!?
AYAKA-NEE-SAN NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION OF RUNNING AWAY...
SHE ALWAYS INTENDED TO DEFEAT THE ANGEL!
SHE WOULD WIN ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE GUILD, SO THAT WE WOULD ALL BE FREE!!!
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SHE WAS ALWAYS PLANNING ON DEFEATING THE ANGEL, SO THAT WE COULD ALL BE FREE!
YOUR SISTER... SHE NEVER HAD THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF RUNNING!!
SO LONG TO FIGURE THAT OUT?
THAT'S RIGHT... SO WHY DID IT TAKE ME...
MY SISTER HAS NEVER
DISAPPOINTED ME, NOT EVEN ONCE...
THERE'S NO VALUE IN PROTECTING SOMEONE AS HORRIBLE AS ME...
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...
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I HAVE... TO STOP HER...
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CHAPTER 28: SIBLINGS

リバース
Re:BIRTH
The Lunatic Taker

原作:林達永 作画:李秀顯

I DON'T CARE! THAT IDIOT ACTUALLY THINKS SHE CAN WIN!
AT THIS RATE, SHE WILL DIE.
YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE CONTROL OVER THE ANGEL SOON!!
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN GAIN FROM THIS FIGHT!
HER CHANCES ARE ONE-IN-A-MILLION! SHE WOULD THROW AWAY BOTH RELII AND THIS ORGANIZATION'S HONOR!
GALATEA!!
AT ANY RATE, OUR DEAL'S OFF! SO RELEASE THE ANGEL ALREADY!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING— OF COURSE NOT!
YOU THINK THERE'S NOTHING... TO GAIN HERE?
OUT OF MY WAY!
AND I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU, I WON'T SIT BACK AND WATCH HER DIE.
THEY'VE ALREADY BROKEN THE CONTRACT!
THAT IS UNACCEPT-ABLE. TO LET HER DIE WOULD BE TO BREAK MY PROMISE.
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ARE YOU...?!
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NEE-SAN! I'M BEGGING YOU, PLEASE RUN AWAY!
WHAT WAS THAT? IT FELT LIKE SOMETHING CHANGED...
TO PLEASE JUST FORGET ABOUT ME!!!!
I WANT... I WANT YOU TO...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE...!!
I CAN'T SLIP UNDER IT'S GUARD...?!
!?
IT'S STARTING TO MOVE FASTER...?!
HUH?

WHY? YOU'RE SO GOOD!
WAIT, WHAT? YOU'RE QUITTING GYMNASTICS?
AND THIS MEANS I'LL GET HOME EARLIER,
SO WE'LL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER AT HOME, REI.
I'M NO MATCH FOR PEOPLE WITH TRUE TALENT.
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I PLAN ON TURNING PRO.
I KNEW... IT WAS JUST AN INKLING, BUT I KNEW THE TRUE REASON SHE QUIT GYMNASTICS...
NEE-SAN HAD A PERFECT POKER FACE WHEN SHE SAID THAT, BUT...
I WAS SO HAPPY THAT MY SISTER WOULD BE AT HOME WAITING FOR ME, AND HER FOOD WAS SO WARM AND LOVING...
BUT... I DIDN'T STOP HER...
IT WAS SO SHE COULD GET HOME BEFORE ME AND PREPARE DINNER.

I WAS ALWAYS LIKE THAT...
PRETENDING TO NOT HAVE SEEN MY SISTER'S SACRIFICES...

HEHHEH... HEHHE HHEH...
HA... HAHA....
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IF YOU DO, YOU'LL DIE!!
DON'T GO, REIJI!!
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE TO SAVE YOU.
WAIT FOR ME, NEE-SAN...
YOU'LL BE THROWING AWAY YOUR LIFE FOR NOTHING!
YOU LITTLE PSYCHO PATH...
HOW PATHETIC... YOU REALLY MADE A FOOL OUT OF ME,
THAT A PSYCHOPATH COULD MAIN-TAIN THAT HY-POCRISY...
RIGHT UP UNTIL THE END, SHE CONTINUED THE FARCE OF FIGHTING FOR HER BROTHER'S SAKE. IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME...

YOU LOST
TO THOSE CHILDREN.
DO YOU STILL NOT UNDER-STAND, RYUU?
R-REIJI...
L-LOOK... OVER THERE...
GET A HOLD OF YOUR-SELF! SHE'S ALREADY...
LET GO, NATSUHI! IF WE DON'T GO SAVE HER, NEE-SAN WILL DIE!

DIDN'T SHE...
GET NAILED IN THE HEAD?
HEY, LOOK!
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SHE STOOD BACK UP!
BUT... BUT HOW?
HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE, TACHI-BANA AYAKA?
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PLEASE, WAIT!!!
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PRESIDENT ISHIGAMI,
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
REIJI!!
PLEASE, STOP THIS ALREADY!
PLEASE CALM DOWN, REIJI-KUN.
THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A BIT OF AN ACCI-DENT...
HOWEVER, THIS IS STILL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF MY PLAN.
I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU ASK; PLEASE, JUST SAVE MY SISTER!!!
PLEASE, SAVE MY SISTER! IT MIGHT NOT BE TOO LATE!

IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TAKERS GATHERED HERE AND SAVE YOUR SISTER, EMERGENCY MEASURES WERE NECESSARY...
GIVING HER A HEAD WOUND WAS A TOOL WE HAD PREPARED... THAT CERTAINLY MUST HAVE RENDERED QUITE THE SHOCK ONTO YOU, BUT IT WAS AYAKA-KUN WHO EARLIER DIDN'T ACT ACCORDING TO PLAN.
BUT THAT MEANS...
THAT'S RIGHT.
NOW SHE WILL RETREAT ACCORDING TO THE ORIGINAL SCENARIO, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY. YOUR SISTER WILL QUICKLY RECOVER.
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WE WILL FIND OUT FOR OURSELVES SOON ENOUGH.
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SHE'S BEEN HIT IN THE HEAD, AND IS BARELY AWARE!
HOW IS SHE SUPPOSED TO ESCAPE IN THAT CONDITION?!
BUT... HOW IS SHE...

NOW THAT HER CONSCIOUS-NESS HAS LEFT HER, THE GIRL WILL CERTAINLY ACT ACCORDING TO INSTINCT!
AND HER INSTINCTS ARE THAT OF A PSY-CHOPATH!
WHAT ARE HER GENES TELLING HER?
THAT FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE MEANINGLESS BEFORE A HOPELESS BATTLE!!
TAKE A GOOD, HARD LOOK, REIJI-KUN!
AYAKA-KUN IS ABOUT TO START MAKING HER MOVE!!
DO YOU REALLY THINK...
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THAT THIS IS A JOKE?!
YOU PIECE OF SHIT!
SHE'S BARELY STANDING, SHE'S BARELY BREATHING, SO ENOUGH WITH YOUR BULLSHIT!
STOP THIS! IF YOU DON'T, SHE'LL DIE!
SHUT UP! DO YOU STILL NOT GET IT?!
THE ONLY WAY SHE CAN LIVE IS BY RUNNING AWAY! NOW, WHILE WE'RE RESTRAINING THE ANGEL! IT'S NOW OR NEVER FOR HER!
SHE SHOULD FLEE PITIFULLY, AS HER INSTINCTS AS A PSYCHOPATH DEMAND!

WHY WON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?!
ULTIMATELY, YOU LOT WOULD HAVE ENDED UP AS TACHIBANA AYAKA'S PREY, AND NOTHING ELSE! SHE WOULD HAVE BETRAYED YOU!!
A PSYCHOPATH WILL NEVER ACT FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS!! SO ACCEPT THAT ALREADY! ACCEPT TACHIBANA AYAKA'S TRUE NATURE!!!
IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT REALITY AS IT IS!
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LOOK...
STILL GOING TO FIGHT?
IS SHE...
HUH?

HEY, IS SHE... IS SHE STILL MOVING?
YOU'RE RIGHT...
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DOES THAT MEAN... THAT SHE STILL INTENDS TO FIGHT?
THE IDIOT... SHE NEARLY GOT HER HEAD BLOWN CLEAN OFF.

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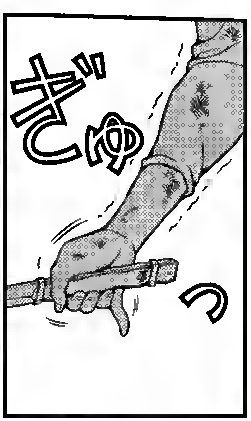
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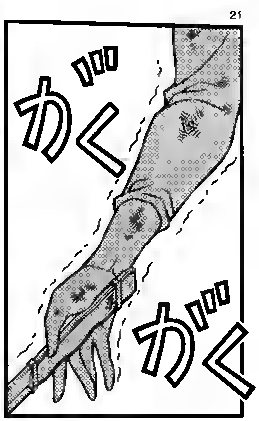
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UWA AHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH HHHH H!!!!
TACHIBANA REIJI!!!
I'M COMING, NEE-SAN!!
WAIT!

I COULDN'T BELIEVE...
MY SISTER, EITHER.
JUST, THROW AWAY YOUR SORCERY DEVICE, NEE-SAN!!
ISN'T "PROTECTING ME" JUST AN EXCUSE
FOR YOU TO JUSTIFY KILLING OTHERS?

MY SISTER SUFFERED SO MUCH FOR ME...
I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS ALWAYS FOCUSED ON WHAT I WANTED.
BUT THE ONE WITH THE BIGGEST EGO, WHO WAS THE MOST SELFISH, WHO WAS ALWAYS SO NAIVE...
WAS NONE OTHER THAN MYSELF...!!!
YOU IDIOT!! WHAT DOES PSYCHOPATH EVEN MEAN, ANYWAYS?!
JUST THAT SOMEONE HAS A STRONG EGO!!
SHE'S NOT THE REAL PSYCHOPATH... I AM!!
AYAKA-NEE-SAN NNNNNNNNN!!!!!

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RIGHT... AT THIS RATE, IT'S BEST IF...
TACHIBANA AYAKA DIES HERE AND NOW...

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WHAT THE?!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
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DID THE GATE OPEN?!

IT'S- IT'S AN ANGEL!
AHHH! I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE THAT BIG!
GALATEA...
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
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TO THE INSIDE OF THE DOOR-WAY?
DID THE LIFE GALATEA RELEASED DRAW THEM
…!?

EVERYONE, FORM UP!
START BY SURROUNDING THE SMALLER ONES AND TAKING THEM OUT!!
DAMMIT!! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM!!
REIJI...

HURRY...
IF WE DON'T GET OUT OF HERE NOW, WE'LL...
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YOU'RE...
THE PRINCESS?
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PLEASE... SAVE HER...
IF YOU CAN JUST SAVE MY SISTER...
I'LL GIVE YOU MY SOUL, OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU WANT...
I'M SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO KEEP MY PROMISE.
AYAKA'S ACTIONS WENT... BEYOND WHAT I WAS ABLE TO PREDICT...

UWAH?!
DON'T BE AFRAID... LET ME CONTROL YOUR BODIES...
THIS SPACE IS CONNECTED TO A SAFE PLACE.
NO TAKER WILL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW YOU THERE...
PRINCESS... ARE YOU...?!

LOOK AT THEM... LOOK AT THIS PATHETIC SPECTACLE THEY HAVE WROUGHT... THEY SACRIFICE OTHERS, LOOKING OUT ONLY FOR THEMSELVES...
THIS IS A WORLD WHERE THE ONLY SOURCE OF HAPPINESS IS ONE'S OWN PERSONAL SURVIVAL.
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THAT IS WHY... WE MUST DEPART.
WE MUST DEPART FROM THIS WORLD FILLED WITH PEOPLE WHO LOVE ONLY THEMSELVES

SO THAT THE LIGHT OF YOUR SOULS, WHICH DRIVE YOU TO SO SELFLESSLY GIVE OF YOURSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS,
WILL NEVER BE EXTINGUISHED.

LET US GO.
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REIJI!!
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YOU'RE...
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GAMI...
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SUKE!!!
RYUU...
NEXT TIME,
THE CLIMAX!!

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ISHIGAMI...
RYUUSUKE!!!
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CAN YOU REALLY JUST...

A DEADLY GAME, WITH TWO SIBLING'S LIVES HANGING IN THE BALANCE!
A SHOCKING CLIMAX!!
THROW ME AWAY,
GALATEA?
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I CAN NO LONGER...
TRAVEL ALONGSIDE YOU.
LET GO, RYUU...
WHY?
IS IT BECAUSE I BECAME A BAD ADULT?
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YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WELL...
THAT IS PRECISELY THE REASON WHY...

BUT YOU YOURSELF, GALATEA, SHOULD KNOW
THAT MAN CAN NEVER TURN HIS IDEALS INTO REALITY...
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE THAT MAN WILL ALWAYS SEARCH FOR SOMEONE TO GUIDE HIM, TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY...
SO THAT HE CAN REST IN THE SAFETY GIVEN TO HIM AND ENDLESSLY WHINE ABOUT HIS PETTY DESIRES!!
SHUT UP!!
!?
HUMANS AREN'T THAT WEAK!
YOU THINK WE JUST FORCE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ONTO OTHERS, THAT WE JUST WHINE ABOUT OUR DESIRES?!
IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO FORCE US TO DO THAT!!!

AND ON TOP OF THAT, YOU RIDICULE THOSE SAME PEOPLE WHILE DOING WHATEVER YOU PLEASE! JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE STRONG!!
POWERFUL PEOPLE LIKE YOU, WHO DROWN OTHERS IN TEMPTATION!!
I... I...!!
WHO USE THEIR POWER TO DISTORT THE WORLD!!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE THOSE
I'LL ELIMINATE EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!

LONG AGO... THERE WAS ANOTHER WHO SAID THOSE SAME WORDS.
THEY WERE SAID BY A MAN WHO FELT THE SAME THINGS YOU DO... BUT HE CAME TO TASTE SADNESS AND PAIN, AND IN THE END... HE BECAME A MONSTER.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, GALATEA?
HOWEVER, SOME PART OF HIM, DEEP INSIDE HIS HEART, MIGHT HAVE BEEN WAITING... FOR SOMEONE TO TRY AND STOP HIM.
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU ARE THAT SOMEONE,
I AM! JUST YOU WAIT, ISHIGAMI RYUUSUKE!! I SWEAR IT!
AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP ME!!!
I SWEAR I'LL STOP BOTH YOU AND LIFE INC!!
TACHIBANA REIJI?

IF YOU TRULY HAVE THE WILL TO FIGHT ME, YOU MUST ACCEPT SADNESS AND PAIN!
IN EXCHANGE, I'LL PERMIT YOU TO LIVE ON.
EX-CHANGE...?!
WHAT ARE...
...YOU SAYING...?
YOU, WHO PRO-CLAIM TO SERVE JUSTICE WITHOUT BEARING ANY HARDSHIPS,
ARE WHAT THE WORLD CALLS "NAIVE".
THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE TO BEAR THIS, TOO.
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TACHIBANA REIJI... I'LL BE TAKING
THAT WHICH PROTECTED YOU WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, THAT WHICH YOU HOLD "PRECIOUS"...
S-STOP...
PLEASE, STOP...!!
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
I'LL GIVE YOU ANY-THING ELSE; JUST DON'T TAKE HER!!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
THROW AWAY YOUR NAIVETE...

BECOME A POWERFUL ADULT...
AND STOP ME.
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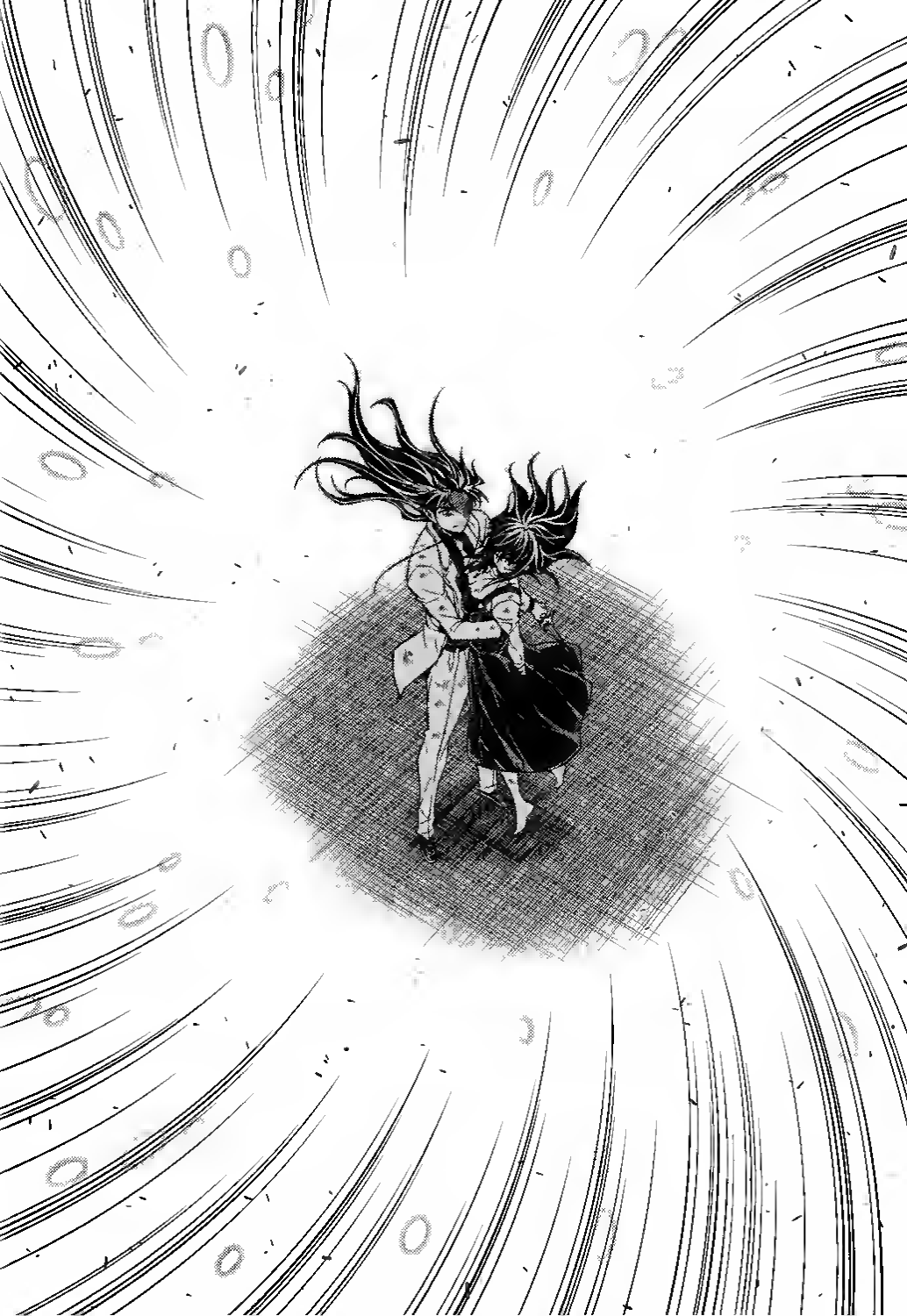

YOU'LL DEFINITELY BE HOME FOR DINNER, RIGHT?
WON'T YOU GIVE YOUR BELOVED BIG SISTER A KISS GOOD MORNING?
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU BY MY SIDE, REIJI.

I'LL LOVE YOU, REIJI...
FOREVER...
AND EVER...

NEE-SAN...

THREE YEARS
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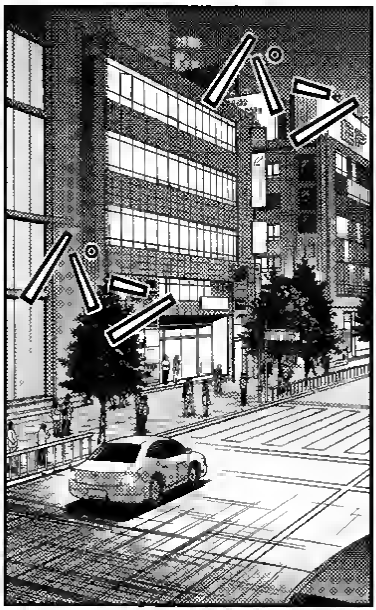

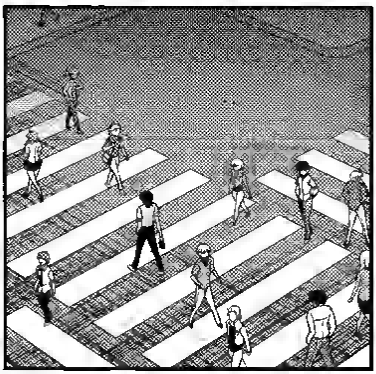

SIR, THE PERSONNEL FROM OUR AMERICAN DIVISION
ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE MEETING ROOM.
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WITH THIS, WE'LL HAVE FINISHED TYING OFF LOOSE ENDS.
YES...
AND WE'LL FINISH OUR MERGER WITH THE NIKAIDOU GROUP.
AT LONG LAST, THE DINOSAUR THAT WILL RULE THE EARTH HAS BEEN BORN.
CONGRATULATIONS.
AT LONG LAST, THE MAJORITY OF HUMANS ALIVE TODAY HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED CHAOS.
WHAT OF NIKAIDOU RAN?
WE HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS PEACE.
EVENTS ARE PROCEEDING AS YOU ANTICIPATED.

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIVES OF THE TWO GIRLS SHE WAS PROTECTING,

THEY HAVE UNCONDITIONALLY AGREED TO OUR REQUESTS.

SHE NO LONGER SEEMS LIKE MUCH OF A THREAT TO US AS A TAKER.

WHAT OF THE PLAN HAYASHIBARA WAS WORKING ON TO MASS-PRODUCE SORCERY DEVICES?

IN ORDER FOR NORMAL HUMANS TO USE THE MASS-PRODUCED SORCERY DEVICES AND SKILLS,

THEY MUST BE ABLE TO USE LIFE AS AN ENERGY SOURCE AND FURTHERMORE BE ABLE TO HANDLE COMPLEX COMPUTATIONS.

RIGHT ABOUT NOW, SHE MUST BE THANKFUL SHE'S STILL ALIVE.

THEY SHOULD ENTER TESTING SOON.

Summon Assist Interface

THE CYBERNETIC SUMMON ASSIST INTERFACE IS DESIGNED TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE.

THE PROTOTYPE IS NEARLY FINISHED, AND WILL THEN ENTER TESTING.

THE ILLUMINATION IN TOKYO
TREMBLES TONIGHT, SILENTLY AND DANGEROUSLY.
SO EVERYTHING... IS GOING WELL.

WHO-WHO ARE THESE GUYS?! THEY'RE TOO STRONG!!
YOU-YOU BASTARDS!!
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WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
THIS IS LIFE, INC.!! THE HOLY GROUND OF TAKERS BACKED BY EVERY GOVERNMENT ON EARTH!
I know~ Everyone knows that much~

Today's the ceremony where you're going to swallow up the Nikaidou Group, right?
We thought we'd come congratulate you, but I never expected this sort of welcome.
THESE GUYS...
THEY CAN'T HAVE COME HERE TRYING TO STOP THE CEREMONY, RIGHT?!
YOU IDIOTS! THERE'S TONS OF TAKERS FROM HEAD-QUARTERS THERE!
WHAT DO YOU PUNKS THINK YOU CAN DO?!
WITH IGARASHI-SAMA, ALL OF OUR STRONGEST TAKERS ARE GATHERED THERE!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TRYING TO GET YOUR-SELVES KILLED, YOU LITTLE RATS!!
OR IT MEANS OUR TARGET IS IGARASHI HERSELF AND YOUR BOSS, ISHIGAMI.
THERE'S NO POINT IN TELLING YOU ANY-MORE. JUST DIE ALREADY.

MAN, YOU CAN ONLY LOOK DOWN ON A GUY FOR SO LONG BEFORE HE STARTS TO GET ANNOYED.
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OUR PRESIDENT HAD GOOD INSTINCTS, OF COURSE.
HE SAID SOME PUNKS MAY SHOW UP, TRY TO CRASH THE PARTY.
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HE'S HERE!
ONE OF THE GUILD'S STRONGEST KEEPERS!
LIFE INC.'S TAKER!!
HOSHI RENSUKE!

GUESS IT'S TIME FOR THE REAL SHOW TO BEGIN.
HMM... I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THIS GUY...
You've got quite a mouth there.
WHY DO YOU OPPOSE SUCH A THING?
NO MATTER HOW MUCH PEOPLE LIKE YOU TRY TO DESTROY WHAT WE'VE BUILT, THE USELESS OLD WORLD IS GONE NOW.
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DO YOU KNOW NOTHING EXCEPT HOW TO INDISCRIMI-NATELY DESTROY?
THE WORLD IS SAFE AND LOGICAL NOW. OUR SOCIETY IS ONE WHERE EVERYONE CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE.
HOW CAN YOU CALL GIVING UP, LIVING IN A CAGE YOU ALL BUILT
AND LIVING OFF THE DOG FOOD YOUR MASTER HANDS YOU, "PEACE"?
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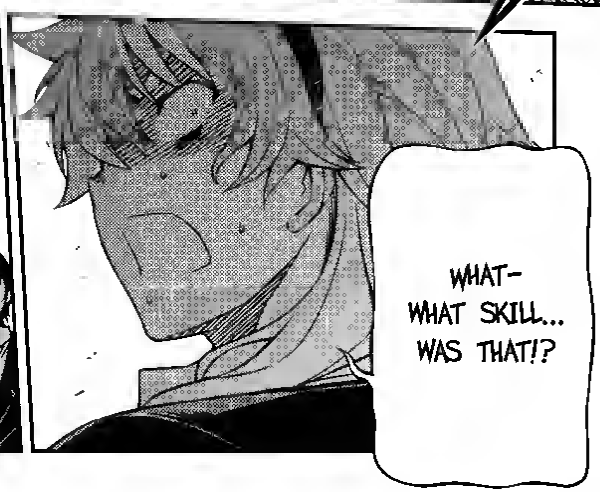
!?
I NEVER EVEN SENSED ANY-THING...
HUH...?!
HOW'D YOU GET BEHIND ME?
WHO ARE YOU?!

I'LL LET YOU LIVE FOR NOW, BUT TELL ISHIGAMI...
THAT AS I PROMISED,
I'M HERE...
TO KILL HIM.
TACHIBANA!
HMM...
A BRAT LIKE YOU...
IS A HUN-DRED YEARS TOO EARLY TO TALK THAT BIG!!!


WHAT-
WHAT SKILL...
WAS THAT!?

THE PHANTOM SKILL....!?
YOU CAN'T BE....!!
IT'S TOO BAD.
YOU...
ARE NO LONGER QUALIFIED TO BE THE MESSENGER.

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LET THIS
RETURN TO ASH...
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UH...
AH...
HE'S-HE'S A MONSTER!
UWAHHHHH
RUN!!

SUNRISE?!
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DIDN'T WE SAY NOT TO RUN ANYWHERE?!

WE NEED TO BE INSIDE SOON!!
C'MON, C'MON! FORGET ABOUT THE CORPSES, AND MOVE!
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WITH THE NIKAIDOU GROUP ON THEIR SIDE, THEY'LL HAVE THE POWER TO CONSUME THE WHOLE WORLD.
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AND THEY'LL PRETEND TO BE THE HEROES WHO SAVED IT.
DO YOU THINK I'LL LET THEM?
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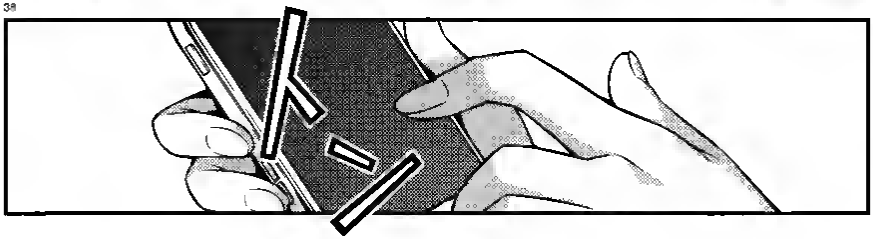
I WILL STOP THEM.

YEAH!!
AND I'LL FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO!
THE PRINCESS SAID THAT.
AS LONG AS MY SISTER IS ALIVE, HALF MY LIFE WILL CONTINUE TO FLOW INTO HER.

SO MY SISTER MUST STILL BE ALIVE, SOMEWHERE...
AND EVEN NOW, HALF THE LIFE I GATHER ALWAYS FLOWS AWAY.
SO WAIT FOR ME, AYAKA-NEE-SAN!!
I'LL KILL ISHIGAMI, AND BRING YOU BACK!!

I'M STILL AT THE COMPANY.
YEAH. I HAD AN IMPORTANT DAY AT WORK TODAY...
I SHOULD BE CLOSE TO FIGURING OUT A WAY TO CURE KYOUYA.
DON'T WORRY, YU-CHAN. THIS IS JUST WHAT I HAVE TO DO TO GET RECOGNIZED AT WORK.
YEAH. HE MISSES YOU TOO, ONEE-SAN.
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, HOW'S KYOUYA DOING?
SAY HI TO HIM FOR ME.
I MISS HIM TOO...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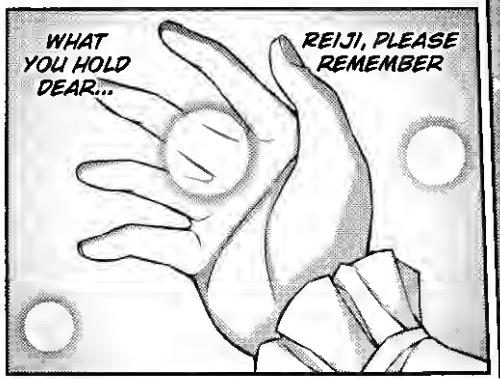
WELL THEN.
I SHOULD GET TO WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR TONIGHT'S EVENT.
PEOPLE LIVE...
BY RELYING ON THOSE THEY CAN TRUST.
SOME LIVE TO PROTECT THOSE THEY HOLD DEAR...

OTHERS LIVE TO FIX THEIR MISTAKES...
MANY LIVE FOR THOSE THEY LOVE.
STILL MORE...
LIVE TO RECLAIM WHAT THEY LOST...

THE WILL OF THOSE WHO WALK THE PATH THEY BELIEVE IN IS STRONG AND UNWAVERING.
THEY SEEK TO FULFILL THEIR WILL BY OBTAINING POWER... SOME OF THEM ARE NAMED EVIL; OTHERS, JUSTICE.
THUS, WHERE MAN GATHERS,
SO TOO DO THOSE FEELINGS, LIKE A SNAKE.


WHAT YOU HOLD DEAR...
REIJI, PLEASE REMEMBER

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I BELIEVE THAT IS THE PATH
MANKIND MUST WALK.

IS WHAT
YOU BELIEVE...

GOOD?

OR EVIL?